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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF RUTH CARTER STAPLETON AND PARTY

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1. PRESIDENCY HAS INFORMED US OF THREE CHANGES THAT WILL REQUIRE ALTERATION OF PROGRAM OUTLINED IN REF B. ON SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS OF PRESIDENT SADAT, MRS. STAPLETON AND HER PARTY WILL BE LODGED AT TAHRA PALACE IN HELIOPOLIS RATHER THAN HILTON HOTEL, WHERE RESERVATIONS HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE. PRESIDENCY PLANS THAT ALL MEALS WILL BE AT TAHRA PALACE. SINCE PALACE IS MUCH CLOSER TO AIRPORT AND AROUBA PALACE BUT CONSIDERABLY FURTHER FROM PYRAMIDS AND DOWNTOWN CAIRO, ADJUSTMENTS IN DEPARTURE TIMES ON SCHEDULE NEED TO BE MADE.

2. SECOND CHANGE IS THAT MRS. MUBARAK CANNOT HOST TEA PARTY ON TUESDAY, SEPT 12 AND IT WILL INSTEAD TAKE PLACE LATE AFTERNOON OF THE 13TH BEFORE DEPARTURE FOR SOUND AND LIGHT SHOW.

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3. THE THIRD CHANGE IS THAT MEETING WITH CHRISTIAN LEADERS WILL NOW OCCUR IN EARLY AFTERNOON OF SEPT 12 INSTEAD OF SEPT 13. MR. HERMINA IS AWARE OF THESE CHANGES. REVISED SCHEDULE FOLLOWS IN LAST PARAGRAPH.

4. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 2 REF A, LOCAL AND FOREIGN PRESS HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF MRS. STAPLETON'S VISIT. IN

FACT, THIS MORNING'S PRESS CARRIES BRIEF ITEM STATING THAT SHE IS EXPECTED IN CAIRO TOMORROW. MINISTRY OF INFORMATION OFFICIALS HAVE MET WITH CHARGE AND HAVE BEEN GIVEN OUTLINE OF HER SCHEDULE.

5. IN ACCORDANCE PARA 4 REF A EMBASSY HAS CANCELLED RESERVATIONS TO PARIS AND HAS CONFIRMED FIVE ECONOMY SEATS TO ROME VIA ATHENS SEPT 14 ON TWA 841 DEPARTING CAIRO 0700 AND ARRIVING ROME AT 1130. GIVEN THIS LATER DEPARTURE AND SINCE TAHRA PALACE IS CLOSER TO AIRPORT, PARTY WILL NOT HAVE TO GET UP QUITE AS EARLY MORNING OF 14TH.

6. FOLLOWING IS REVISED SCHEDULE, WHICH SEEMS FIRM SUBJECT TO MRS. STAPLETON'S WISHES.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12:

--1100 - MRS. STAPLETON AND PARTY ARRIVE AT CAIRO AIRPORT. MET BY DR. AMAL OSMAN, MR. HERMINA AND CHARGE. DR. OSMAN WILL ESCORT MRS. STAPLETON TO TAHRA PALACE.

--1130 - ARRIVE AT TAHRA PALACE, FOLLOWED BY PRIVATE LUNCH.

--1430 - MEETING WITH LEADERS OF CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES
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IN CAIRO.

--1600 - DEPART PALACE FOR SIGHTSEEING, INCLUDING DAYLIGHT VISIT TO PYRAMIDS.

--EVENING - PRIVATE DINNER AT TAHRA PALACE.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13:

--0830 - DEPART FOR ARCHEOLOGICAL MUSEUM.
AND RELIGIOUS SITES.

--1400 - PRIVATE LUNCH AT TAHRA PALACE.

--1645 - DEPARTURE TAHRA PALACE FOR AROUBA PALACE.

--1700 - TEA PARTY HOSTED BY MRS. HOSNI MUBARAK AT AROUBA PALACE.

--1830 - DEPART AROUBA PALACE FOR PYRAMIDS.

--1930 - SOUND AND LIGHT SHOW AT PYRAMIDS IN ENGLISH.

--EVENING - PRIVATE DINNER AT TAHRA PALACE.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14:

--0610 - DEPART TAHRA PALACE FOR AIRPORT.

--0630 - ARRIVAL PRESIDENTIAL PAVILLION AT AIRPORT.

--0700 - DEPART ON TWA 841 FOR ATHENS AND ROME.

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